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EXAMINER:

FOR: CONTACT-TYPE IMAGE SENSOR MODULE AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS USING THE MODULE

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (5,489,992) of Form PTO-1449:

“CONTACT IMAGE SENSOR WITH CONTINUOUS LIGHT SOURCE POSITIONED ADJACENT TO DETECTION OBJECT”

A contact image sensor has in an upper portion of a housing a rod-like continuous light source for emitting light directly to an object.

Reference AB (6,111,244) of Form PTO-1449:

“LONG DEPTH OF FOCUS CONTACT IMAGE SENSOR (LF-CIS) MODULE FOR COMPACT AND LIGHT WEIGHT FLATBED TYPE SCANNING SYSTEM”

An image sensor system having very long Depth of Focus (DOF) on the document plane and very short optical distance from the document plane to the image plane provides the advantages of both a lens reduction image sensor system and a contact type image sensor system.

Reference AO (7-147620) of Form PTO-1449:

“CONTACT IMAGE SENSOR”

The purpose of this invention is that friction between a copy and glass on which set the copy is decreased, and the contact Image Sensor of this invention can read graphic information finely, even if a glass is not clean.

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